DEWAN OF MYSORE

BALLABROOIE,
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.

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May it please Your Highness,

I had Your Highness' gracious assurance in April last that I might take leave from 1st December next to get some change and rest. I delayed submitting my leave application from a desire not to disturb Your Highness' holiday in Kashmir.

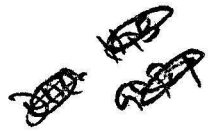
As the strain of my office has been great and as I am again suffering from the trouble I had last year, namely, sleeplessness, I beg to apply for six months leave from 1st December or immediately after Your Highness' return from Benares.

I regret that Your Highness may be pleased to sanction the understanding that my return to duty will depend upon Your Highness' pleasure and on the state of my own health & convenience, at the end of the leave.

I need hardly assure Your Highness that should there be any difficulties over the Currency Restriction case or the Food Supply question which I am on leave, and if as recommended by Your Highness, I should be prepared to return to duty, temporarily, to help in the work needed to tide over the difficulties.

I have taken only 15 days' leave in a service of six years as drawn. I joined Your Highness' service from Hyderabad in 1909, or exactly 9 years ago, at Your Highness's special invitation conveyed in Mr T. Ananda Rao's letter, dated 24th May 1909, after two previous decisions against such a step. Having come here, in spite of many difficulties and discouragements, it is not too much to say that I have persevered and completely identified myself with the interests of Your Highness and of the State.

I desire to lay down office as pleasantly



as I joined it and to retain a life-long interest in the continued prosperity of Your Highness and the State to the service of which I have given some of the best years of my life. Your Highness' personal kindness has been my chief solace in the anxious times I have passed through.

I beg to remain, with profound respect,
Your Highness's devoted & humble servant,
M. Visvesvaraya.